

29 April 2025

**SUBMISSION TO THE DCC 9 YEAR PLAN
TO FACILITATE SPEED BUMPS AT THE GLEN RD/GLENPARK AVE INTERSECTION & TO
INCREASE TRANSPORT FUNDING FOR OTHER DANGEROUS AREAS IN DUNEDIN**

On Wednesday April 10, a group of concerned citizens met with Jeanine Benson, Group Manager Transport, and Ian Martin, DCC Principal Road Safety Engineer, regarding a deadly Maryhill intersection. The meeting had a positive outcome, and we were encouraged to submit to the 9 Year Plan so that funding can be assigned to make the intersection safer. We met at the home of Vanya and David Hammond who overlook the crash site.

The intersection of Glen Rd and Glenpark Ave has been a major safety issue for many years. There have been two fatalities, an 8 year old boy and a motorcyclist, numerous near-misses, and accidents causing major injuries. The intersection is well-known to Police and taxi companies.

Our submission is the result of years of concern, in particular :

- The Richardson family have lived in the area since 1978, and since then, they have heard about accidents, witnessed accidents, and near-misses, and been involved in an accident at “Crash Corner” , thus named by local children.
- Last year, Katie Montgomery was involved in a serious accident at the intersection and suffered a broken pelvis and other injuries, requiring hospitalisation and a long recovery.
- In January 2025, Paul Richardson was involved in an accident caused by a driver failing to stop. His car was sent on a 270 degree trajectory and is a write-off. The Police were involved and Paul’s recovery is ongoing as he attends physiotherapy for pain management.
- In the late 1990s, the death of the 8 year old boy had a devastating impact on the community. The boy was an only child and had just lost his mother to cancer. Following the accident, the boy’s father had to continue life alone. His 16 year old neighbour had taken the little boy under his wing when his mother died. They played games and met up as they grieved together. The impact of the boy’s death on the 16 year old neighbour was extensive. Pat Richardson was his 5th Form Dean at Kavanagh College at the time, and his grief was immeasurable.
- Vanya and David have had to replace their fence over 12 times, as cars that were impacted have spun and hit their fence. They have a file of their experiences living opposite the site, including concerns raised with the DCC.
- There have been numerous other accidents which haven’t involved loss of life or damaged fences at the site, but which are further examples of the frequency and seriousness of the problem.

Over the years, the DCC has installed enlarged Stop signs and has made other improvements. Sadly, drivers continue to ignore the signs and fail to stop at the intersection at the top of Glen Rd.

Jeanine and Ian have been encouraging and concerned. The outcome of the meeting is:

- That further safety measures be undertaken, specifically that speed cushions be installed as soon as possible, and that further safety measures such as a permanent speed bump be funded by the DCC.
- That there be increased DCC Transport funding for other dangerous intersections similar to Glen Rd /Glenpark Ave.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this issue for your consideration.

Concerned Citizens

Vanya and David Hammond

Katie and James Montgomery

John and Amy Hale

Pat and Paul Richardson